

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (original) A method of jointing a cutting edge of at least one cutting blade of a rotating tool, wherein between the tool and at least one straight jointing stone a radial advancing movement is carried out and wherein the jointing stone has an active jointing area that is longer than a length of the cutting edge, the method comprising the step of:

performing during jointing at least one relative stroke between the jointing stone and the cutting edge in a longitudinal direction of the cutting edge, wherein the at least one relative stroke has a stroke length that is shorter than the length of the cutting edge.

2. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the jointing stone is longer than the cutting edge by the length of the relative stroke.

3. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein during jointing at least two relative strokes are performed in opposite directions.

4. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one relative stroke has a stroke speed that is multiple times smaller than a rotational speed of the rotating tool.

5. (currently amended) The A method according to claim 1, of jointing a cutting edge of at least one cutting blade of a rotating tool, wherein between the tool and at least one straight jointing stone a radial advancing movement is carried out and wherein the jointing stone has an active jointing area that is longer than a length of the cutting edge, the method comprising the step of:

performing during jointing at least one relative stroke between the jointing stone and the cutting edge in a longitudinal direction of the cutting edge, wherein the at least one relative stroke has a stroke length that is shorter than the length of the cutting edge;

wherein the stroke length is such that a rearward end of the jointing stone, when viewed in the stroke direction, projects past the cutting edge at the end of the relative stroke.

6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the jointing stone is comprised of at least two jointing stone members arranged in the stroke direction at a

relative spacing to one another, respectively, and wherein the stroke length is greater than the relative spacing.

7. (original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the jointing stone members each have a length shorter than the length of the cutting edge.

8. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the stroke length is multiple times shorter than the length of the cutting edge.